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SUBJ: REVISED TRAVEL PLANS OF AMBASSADOR ROBERT S. SMITH

1. IN VIEW OF NECESSITY TO TAKE CARE OF DECEASED MOTHER'S
ESTATE, AMBASSADOR AND MRS. SMITH HAVE DECIDED REMAIN IN USA
NOW RATHER THAN RETURN TO ABIDJAN AND DEPART AGAIN IN TWO WEEKS.

2. PRESENT PLANS, THEREFORE, ARE TO REMAIN IN NEW YORK UNTIL
FEBRUARY 5; GO TO WASHINGTON FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS,
SPEND FEB. 20-24 IN NAPLES, FLORIDA WITH MRS. SMITH'S PARENTS;
RETURN TO NEW YORK FOR A FEW DAYS; AND THEN GO TO LONDON AND
BRUSSELS FOR A DAY EACH, RETURNING TO ABIDJAN EARLY IN WEEK
OF MARCH 3.

3. IMPORTANT THAT AMBASSADOR RECEIVE UPDATED BRIEFING MEMOS,
CARE OF WALTER RAMSAY, AF/W, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ON SUBJECTS
DISCUSSED WITH YOU BEFORE HE DEPARTED ABIDJAN. PARTICULARLY
NEED:

A. FBO DETAILS, IF ANY, BEYOND ABIDJAN 0075; SMITHS
HAVE MRS. BUCK'S JAN. 8 MEMO WITH LIVING ROOM PLAN.

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B. BUDGET REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING STATUS OF

REPRESENTATION FUNDS.

C. PEACE CORPS ISSUES (PARTICULARLY IN VIEW TURN-DOWN SOSO CONSULTATION REQUEST) (ABIDJAN 0723).

D. ECONOMIC ISSUES: SUMMARY OF PENDING INVESTMENT AND TRADE MATTERS; REFERENCE NUMBER ON FINANCIAL ANALYSIS AIRGRAM OF EARLY JANUARY.

E. UPGRADING OF POST.

F. ANY OTHER MATTERS FROM COUNTRY TEAM YOU WANT AMBASSADOR TO RAISE.

4. AMBASSADOR WILL CONTACT ED BROWN, KENT GOODSPEED AND TOM SMITH DIRECTLY ABOUT CHANGES IN TRAVEL PLANS.

5. YOUR HANDLING OF TIENKEN MESSAGE FROM TUNIS WAS CORRECT. THANKS.

6. AMBASSADOR IN CONTACT KEOGH ON USIS MATTERS.

7. INSTRUCT SCOTT TO PROCEED WITH SECURITY WALL IN OUR ABSENCE.

8. PLEASE ADVISE HOUSE SERVANTS OF SMITHS' PLANS AND ARRANGE WAGE PAYMENTS FOR MID-FEBRUARY ON SAME BASIS AS END OF JANUARY.

9. PLEASE THANK COLONEL AND MRS. SMITH FOR THEIR THOUGHTFUL CONDOLENCE MESSAGE.
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